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More Americans support striking auto workers than car companies, an AP-NORC poll shows

By DAVID KOENIG
AP Business Writer

A majority of Americans support higher pay for auto workers who are on strike against Detroit's Big Three carmakers, although approval of the workers' other demands is more mixed, according to a poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

The poll found that 36% of Americans sympathize with the workers in their dispute with the automakers, 9% support the automakers, and the rest back both or neither. Support for the autoworkers fell short of the 55% support for striking Hollywood writers and actors in an AP-NORC poll conducted last month.

Still, the new poll adds to evidence of U.S. support for labor unions during a year marked by strikes in Hollywood, a walkout that was narrowly averted by Teamsters at United Parcel Service, and now the picket lines outside auto plants.

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United Auto Workers members hold picket signs near a General Motors Assembly Plant in Delta Township, Mich., Sept. 29, 2023.

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In the new AP-NORC survey, 51% say labor unions help U.S. workers while only 15% say they hurt working people. About one-third say unions help the U.S. economy, while 22% say they damage the economy.

A Gallup poll taken in August found that 67% of Americans approve of unions, down four points from 2022 but up from a low of 48% in 2009.

Rachel Collins, a fifth-grade teacher and union member in Chicago, says she hopes the UAW strike could help reverse a long decline in labor power and raise pay for workers across the economy.

"For far too long, labor has been the backbone of what we do in this country but has never been compensated," she said. "In the last 50 years we have seen the decline of the working class and the rise of this sort of billionaire class and corporations taking and taking and not giving anything to the workers."

Chris Ross, a mechanical engineer from Oviedo, Florida, said he understands the workers' desire for more money to cope with inflation. However, he thinks they are paid better than similar workers in other industries, and he fears that



United Auto Workers members walk the picket line during the auto workers strike Sept. 26, 2023, in Van Buren Township, Mich.

Associated Press

the union's demands will drive the carmakers' costs too high as they face lower-cost rivals including non-union Tesla.

"If they are burdened with high labor costs, I suspect that's going to hurt them," Ross said. "I'd like to see the Big Three have an ideal opportunity to compete. That's better for the consumers."

The United Auto Workers went on strike Sept. 15 against Ford, General Motors and Stellantis, which owns the Jeep, Dodge and Ram brands. The union is seeking large pay raises, a

shorter work week, an end to lower-pay tiers for new workers and limits on the use of temporary workers.

Six in 10 people in the AP-NORC poll say they think better pay for the autoworkers would be a good thing. Eight in 10 Democrats and just under half of Republicans say it would be a good thing if the workers got raises.

General sympathy for the workers also breaks along party lines. More than half of Democrats (55%) say they support the workers over the automakers, while only 22% of Republicans

feel that way. A majority of Republicans say they support both equally, or neither.

Americans are less certain about the UAW's specific demands beyond pay raises. More than one-third (38%) think the union's call for a four-day work week would be a good thing, while 21% think it's a bad idea. The public is also somewhat more likely to say it would be a good thing than a bad thing to place limits on the car companies' use of temporary workers and to require electric vehicles and parts

to be made by union workers, but many are unsure or express no opinion either way.

President Joe Biden has openly supported the UAW and joined a picket line near Detroit on Sept. 26, telling the workers that they deserve significant raises.

The front-runner for the Republican nomination, former President Donald Trump, spoke to a group of current and former union members nearby the following night and said Biden's support for electric vehicles — he signed a law last year that extended tax credits for buying EVs — would cost jobs. That's a fear held by some auto workers who maintain that EVs require fewer people to build. The poll shows only 25% of Americans approve of Biden's handling of the auto dispute, while 34% disapprove. Trump's ratings on the issue are even worse, with 19% approving and 39% disapproving of his response to the strike.

Thirty-five percent trust Democrats more than Republicans when it comes to handling issues facing American workers, while 24% trust the GOP more.

Barbara Tubbs, a retired caregiver from Dallas, said Biden's support for the strikers shows empathy for working-class people struggling to pay their bills. □



This image contained in a court filing by the Department of Justice on Aug. 30, 2022, and partially redacted by the source, shows a photo of documents seized during the Aug. 8 FBI search of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate.

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By TERRY SPENCER and ERIC TUCKER

Associated Press

FORT PIERCE, Fla. (AP) — A judge on Thursday scolded federal prosecutors in the

classified documents case against Donald Trump as she postponed a hearing to determine if the lawyer for one of the former president's co-defendants had

Judge scolds prosecutors as she delays hearing for co-defendant in Trump classified documents case

a conflict of interest.

"I admonish the government for wasting the court's time," U.S. District Judge Aileen Cannon told prosecutors, saying they had presented arguments during Thursday's hearing that had not been properly raised in earlier court filings.

She said she would continue the hearing at a later date for Walt Nauta, a Trump valet charged with conspiring with Trump to conceal classified documents from investigators.

Special counsel Jack Smith's team had asked for hearings to ensure that Nauta and Carlos De Oliveira were aware of potential conflicts because their lawyers have represented other key figures in the case. Both men were charged alongside Trump with obstructing government efforts to recover classified documents hoarded at Mar-a-Lago, the former president's Florida estate.

Prosecutors have said in court filings that the mul-

tiple representations could create a conflict by causing a lawyer to betray the confidences of a current or former client, or "pull punches," during cross-examination.

In Nauta's case, his attorney, Stanley Woodward, has represented at least seven other witnesses in the probe, prosecutors say, including a Mar-a-Lago information technology worker the Justice Department says was asked to delete the surveillance video. □

NTSB chair says new locomotive camera rule is flawed because it excludes freight railroads

By JOSH FUNK
AP Business Writer

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Passenger railroads nationwide will now be required to install video recorders inside their locomotives, but the head of the National Transportation Safety Board said Thursday the new rule is flawed because it excludes freight trains like the one that derailed and caught fire in eastern Ohio earlier this year.

The Federal Railroad Administration didn't respond directly to the criticism of the rule requiring cameras showing both the train crew's actions and a view from the front of passenger trains.

FRA spokesman Warren Flatau said freight railroads weren't addressed because a 2015 law Congress passed only required regulators to establish a rule for passenger railroads. But many freight railroads, including all the biggest ones that handle a majority of shipments nationwide, have installed cameras voluntarily, starting with outward-facing cameras and later adding ones showing the crews' actions.

The cameras are less common on smaller railroads. A spokeswoman for the American Short Line and



Portions of a Norfolk Southern freight train that derailed the night before burn in East Palestine, Ohio, Feb. 4, 2023.

Associated Press

Railroad Association said only a few short-line railroads have them and most of those are only outward-facing cameras.

NTSB Chair Jennifer Homendy said in a statement that the "FRA's belief that the cost 'could outweigh the safety benefits' is an affront to every community that's experienced a freight or freight-passenger rail disaster."

The Norfolk Southern train that derailed in East Palestine near the Ohio-Penn-

sylvania border in February did have cameras, but Homendy said that because there are no federal standards for those cameras, investigators have only 20 minutes of footage from before that derailment.

"Though many in the freight rail industry have opted to install recorders voluntarily, there's absolutely no standard for the number of hours of data they must preserve after an accident," Homendy said. "East Palestine is a striking exam-

ple: instead of having 12 hours' worth of in cab video, as we've recommended, our investigators only have access to a 20-minute recording — not nearly enough to help us or the FRA identify critical safety improvements needed to prevent similar accidents from reoccurring."

Homendy said the new rule also fails to require audio recordings inside the cabs of locomotives.

The NTSB made its recommendation to add cam-

eras in locomotives in 2010 after it investigated the deadly 2008 collision between a Metrolink commuter train and a Union Pacific freight train in Chatsworth, California. That crash killed 25 people, including the Metrolink engineer, and injured more than 100. But the NTSB said such cameras would have been useful in dozens of other crashes because they can help determine what caused them, particularly when the train crew was killed or can't remember key details.

Investigators determined that the Metrolink engineer was sending and receiving text messages on his cell phone before the crash, and he ran a red signal light before slamming into the Union Pacific freight train.

Congress responded to that Chatsworth collision by requiring railroads to develop and install an automatic braking system that might have prevented it — something that took more than a decade and roughly \$15 billion to complete. And regulators banned cell phone use by train operators. Later, lawmakers also required regulators in the 2015 law to look at requiring locomotive video recorders for passenger trains. □

A doctors group calls its 'excited delirium' paper outdated and withdraws its approval

By CARLA K. JOHNSON
AP Medical Writer

A leading doctors group on Thursday formally withdrew its approval of a 2009 paper on "excited delirium," a document that critics say has been used to justify excessive force by police.

The American College of Emergency Physicians in a statement called the paper outdated and said the term excited delirium should not be used by members who testify in civil or criminal cases. The group's directors voted on the matter Thursday in Philadelphia.

"This means if someone

dies while being restrained in custody ... people can't point to excited delirium as the reason and can't point to ACEP's endorsement of the concept to bolster their case," said Dr. Brooks Walsh, a Connecticut emergency doctor who pushed the organization to strengthen its stance.

Earlier this week, California became the first state to bar the use of excited delirium and related terms as a cause of death in autopsies. The legislation, signed Sunday by Gov. Gavin Newsom, also prohibits police officers from using it in

reports to describe people's behavior.

In March, the National Association of Medical Examiners took a stand against the term, saying it should not be listed as a cause of death. Other medical groups, including the American Medical Association, had previously rejected excited delirium as a diagnosis. Critics have called it unscientific and rooted in racism.

The emergency physicians' 2009 report said excited delirium's symptoms included unusual strength, pain tolerance and bizarre



This image from police body camera video provided by Roth and Roth LLP, shows a Rochester police officer as he puts a hood over the head of Daniel Prude in Rochester, N.Y., March 23, 2020.

Associated Press

behavior and called the condition "potentially life-threatening."

The document reinforced and codified racial stereotypes, Walsh said. □

5 drug task force officers and a man have been hurt in a gunbattle at a home in rural Minnesota

By MARK VANCLEAVE and STEVE KARNOWSKI
Associated Press

FOLEY, Minn. (AP) — Five drug task force officers and a 64-year-old man were injured in an exchange of gunfire Thursday as the officers served a search warrant at a property in rural Minnesota, authorities said. Benton County Sheriff Troy Heck said at a news conference that the officers announced their arrival at a home in Glendorado Township around 7 a.m. and immediately came under fire. He said they returned fire and retreated. The officers' injuries were not life-threatening, Heck said.

Karl Thomas Holmberg was taken into custody around 10:45 a.m. after several hours of negotiations, the sheriff said. Aerial video from KARE-TV showed officers in tactical gear surrounding a shirtless male, then officers and EMTs escorting him on a stretcher to a hospital helicopter. Heck said he didn't know the extent of Holmberg's injuries. "This has been a difficult day for us in Benton County," Heck said. "We are grateful that the incident did not result in loss of life or further injury. We are also grateful for the brav-



Police vehicles line the road near the intersection of 186th Avenue NE and Glendorado Road NE following a "critical incident" that led to the shooting of several law enforcement officers near Princeton, Minn., Thursday, Oct. 12, 2023.

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ery and professionalism of all those law enforcement professionals that were involved in this incident." Local TV stations showed officers in tactical gear converging on homes in a rural area surrounded by trees and fields, with an armored vehicle nearby. Glendorado Township is about 50 miles (80 kilometers) northwest of Minneapolis. The officers were working undercover as part

of the Sherburne County Drug Task Force, and their names will not be released, Heck said.

Three of the injured officers were taken to North Memorial Hospital in the Minneapolis suburb of Robbinsdale, where they remained hospitalized Thursday afternoon. Two others were struck in their bullet-resistant vests were treated then released from CentraCare Hospital in St. Cloud.

Holmberg was also taken to North Memorial, and a woman who was in the home during the shooting was taken to another hospital for evaluation.

Holmberg was already known to law enforcement in the area and Heck said he was not surprised by the shooting.

Court records show Holmberg was convicted of cocaine possession in 1986 and another felony drug

possession in 2006. Most recently, in 2019, he was convicted of a petty misdemeanor for not wearing his seatbelt in a vehicle.

It's not clear if Holmberg has a lawyer who can speak on his behalf. Charges have not yet been filed and a public defender has not been appointed, according to the Benton County Attorney's Office.

One of Holmberg's former lawyers, Todd Young, said he hasn't spoken to him in years. Messages left for relatives of Holmberg were not immediately returned. The state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension was investigating, as it often does in shootings involving law enforcement officers. Authorities said they were limited in the details they could disclose Thursday.

"Once our primary investigation is complete, we will be able to share more information about exactly how today's incident unfolded," Michelle Frascone, special agent in charge at the BCA, told reporters. "Incidents like what happened today are scary and unsettling for the community. We want everybody to know that we are working as quickly as possible to provide answers." □



New York Gov. Kathy Hochul speaks to reporters, June 7, 2023, in Albany, N.Y.

Associated Press

By ANTHONY IZAGUIRRE
Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — New York Gov. Kathy Hochul is supporting the city's effort to suspend a unique

legal agreement that requires it to provide emergency housing to homeless people, as a large influx of migrants overwhelms the city's shelter system.

New York governor backs suspension of 'right to shelter' as migrant influx strains city

Hochul endorsed the New York City's challenge to the requirement in a court filing this week, telling reporters Thursday that the mandate was never meant to apply to an international humanitarian crisis.

The city has for months sought to roll back the so-called right to shelter rule following the arrival of more than 120,000 migrants since last year. Many of the migrants have arrived without housing or jobs, forcing the city to erect emergency shelters and provide various government services, with an estimated cost of \$12 billion over the next few

years. The shelter requirement has been in place for more than four decades in New York City, following a legal agreement that required the city to provide temporary housing for every homeless person. No other big city in America has such a requirement.

"I don't know how the right to shelter — dedicated to help those people, which I believe in, help families — can or should be interpreted to be an open invitation to 8 billion people who live on this planet, that if you show up in the streets of New York, that the city of New York has an obligation

to provide you with a hotel room or shelter," said Hochul, a Democrat.

Last week, New York City Mayor Eric Adams asked a court to allow it to suspend the mandate when there is a state of emergency where the shelter population of single adults increases at a rapid rate. New York state on Wednesday filed a court document in support of the city's request, calling it reasonable.

New York City has also tightened shelter rules by limiting adult migrants to just 30 days in city-run facilities amid overcrowding. □

CIA publicly acknowledges 1953 coup it backed in Iran was undemocratic as it revisits 'Argo' rescue

By JON GAMBRELL

Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — While revealing new details about one of the most famed CIA operations of all times — the spirit-ing out of six American dip-lomats who escaped the 1979 U.S. Embassy seizure in Iran — the intelligence agency for the first time has acknowledged something else as well.

The CIA now officially de-scribes the 1953 coup it backed in Iran that over-threw its prime minister and cemented the rule of Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi as undemocratic.

Other American officials have made similar remarks in the past, but the CIA's acknowledgment in a podcast about the agen-cy's history comes as much of its official history of the coup remains classified 70 years after the putsch. That complicates the public's understanding of an event that still resonates, as ten-sions remain high between Tehran and Washington over the Islamic Republic's rapidly advancing nuclear program, its aiding of militia groups across the Mideast and as it cracks down on dissent.

The "CIA's leadership is committed to being as open with the public as possible," the agency said in a statement responding to questions from The Associated Press. "The agency's podcast is part of that effort — and we knew that if we wanted to tell this incred-ible story, it was important to be transparent about the historical context sur-rounding these events, and CIA's role in it."

In response to questions from the AP, Iran's mission to the United Nations de-scribed the 1953 coup as marking "the inception of relentless American med-dling in Iran's internal af-fairs" and dismissed the U.S. acknowledgments.

"The U.S. admission never translated into compensatory action or a genuine commitment to refrain from future interference, nor did



Prime Minister Mohammad Mossadegh rides on the shoulders of cheering crowds in Tehran's Majlis Square, outside the parliament building, after reiterating his oil nationalization views to his supporters on Sept. 27, 1951.

Associated Press

it change its subversive pol-icy towards the Islamic Re-public of Iran," the mission said in a statement.

The CIA's podcast, called "The Langley Files" as its headquarters is based in Langley, Virginia, focused two recent episodes on the story of the six Ameri-can diplomats' escape. While hiding at the home of the Canadian ambas-sador to Iran, a two-man CIA team entered Tehran and helped them fly out of the country while pretending to be members of a crew scouting for a made-up sci-ence fiction film.

The caper, retold in the 2012 Academy Award-win-ning film "Argo" directed by and starring Ben Affleck, offered a dramatized ver-sion of the operation, with Affleck playing the late CIA officer Antonio "Tony" Men-dez.

The podcast for the first time identified the second CIA officer who accompa-nied Mendez, naming him as agency linguist and ex-filtration specialist Ed John-son. He previously only had

been known publicly by the pseudonym "Julio." "Working with the six — these are rookies," Johnson recounts in an interview aired by the podcast. "They were people who were not trained to lie to authorities. They weren't trained to be clandestine, elusive."

But in the podcast, which aired about a month be-fore Hamas' unprecedent-ed attack Saturday on Isra-el, another brief exchange focuses on the 1953 coup in Iran.

In it, CIA spokesman and podcast host Walter Trosin cites the claims of agency historians that the major-ity of the CIA's clandestine activities in its history "bol-stered" popularly elected governments.

"We should acknowledge, though, that this is, there-fore, a really significant ex-ception to that rule," Trosin says of the 1953 coup.

CIA historian Brent Geary, appearing on the podcast, agrees. "This is one of the excep-tions to that," Geary says.

Seven decades later, the

1953 coup remains as hotly debated as ever by Iran, its theocratic government, historians and others. Iran's hard-line state tele-vision spent hours discuss-ing the coup that toppled Prime Minister Mohammad Mosaddegh on its anniver-sary in June.

In their telling, a straight line leads from the coup to the 1979 Islamic Revolu-tion that ultimately toppled the fatally ill shah. It still fuels the anti-Americanism that colors decisions made by the theocracy, whether in arming Russia in its war on Ukraine or alleging without evidence that Washington fomented the recent na-tionwide mass protests tar-geting it.

From the U.S. side, the CIA's hand in the coup quickly was revealed as a success of Cold War espionage, though historians in recent

years have debated just how much influence the agency's actions had. It also led the CIA into a se-ries of further coups in other countries, including Guat-mala, where American

clandestine action in 1954 installed a military dictator and sparked a 40-year civil war that likely killed some 245,000 people.

That's led to an American political reappraisal of the 1953 CIA action in Iran. Then-Secretary of State Madeleine Albright ac-knowledged the U.S.' "sig-nificant role" in the coup in 2000. President Barack Obama, speaking in Cai-ro in 2009, described the CIA's work as leading to the "overthrow of a democra-tically elected Iranian gov-ernment."

But largely absent from the discussion was the CIA it-self. After years of conflict-ing versions of the coup both in public and clas-sified papers, a member of the CIA's own in-house team of historians wrote a reappraisal of the opera-tion in a 1998 paper titled "Zendebad, Shah!" in Farsi — or "Long Live the Shah!"

But despite a series of American historical docu-ments being made public, including a major tranche of State Department pa-pers in 2017, large portions of that CIA reappraisal re-main heavily redacted de-spite attempts to legally pry them loose by the George Washington University-based National Security Archive. That's even after pledges by former agen-cy directors Robert Gates and James Woolsey Jr. in the 1990s to release docu-ments from that coup and others engineered by the agency.

Further complicating any historical reckoning is the CIA's own admission that many files related to the 1953 coup likely had been destroyed in the 1960s.

"It's wrong to suggest that the coup operation itself has been fully declassified. Far from it," said Malcolm Byrne of the National Secu-rity Archive.

"Important parts of the re-cord are still being with-held, which only contrib-utes to public confu-sion and encourages myth-making about the U.S. role long after the fact." □

Haiti refuses to open key border crossing with Dominican Republic in spat over canal

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Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)

— Haiti declined Thursday to join neighboring Dominican Republic in reopening a key commercial border crossing, leaving some trade at a standstill and prolonging a diplomatic crisis over the construction of a canal on Haitian soil. Dominican President Luis Abinader had closed all borders including the crossing at the northern Dominican city of Dajabón for nearly a month to protest the construction of the canal, which he says violates a treaty and will take water needed by Dominican farmers. Haiti says it has the right to build the canal and that it's urgently needed because of a drought.

Abinader's government partially reopened the borders on Wednesday including the one at Dajabón — home to a key market for commerce between the countries — but allowed only limited trade and kept a ban on Haitians entering the Dominican Republic for work, school, tourism or medical issues. He also kept a ban on issuing visas to Haitian citizens.



Dominican Republic soldiers walk in front of the market in Dajabón, Dominican Republic, and Haiti, Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2023.

Haiti declined to follow suit at its gate in the nearby community of Ouanaminthe, and its government did not immediately state a reason. But Moïse Charles Pierre, a delegate for Haiti's northeast region, told The Associated Press that the Dominican side needed to apologize and resume full border operations.

"Abinader needs to respect the Haitian people and apologize publicly," Pierre

said.

Meanwhile, the two other border gates at Elias Pina and Independencia have opened on both sides. The canal in Haiti aims to divert water from the Masacre River that runs along the border on the island of Hispaniola that both countries share. Haiti's government has said farmers urgently need the water to quench a drought that has killed crops in the region.

Abinader has said that construction of the canal violates a 1929 treaty and would affect local farmers and nearby wetlands.

On Thursday, former Haitian prime minister and presidential candidate Claude Joseph issued a statement rejecting allegations by a Dominican ambassador that he had ordered work on the canal in order to provoke a crisis with the Dominican Republic.

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However, Jospeh insisted that Haiti has the right to build the canal.

Since Wednesday's partial reopening at Dajabón and other border cities, vendors on the Dominican side are limited to selling goods like food and medicine and are barred from selling construction items such as concrete and metal rods. Dominican officials maintain that sale of such items would aid construction of the nearby canal.

Pierre, the Haitian official, said that in addition to keeping the border closed, authorities are working on a plan that would allow Haitian vendors to recover their wares stuck in the Dajabón marketplace since the closure.

On Wednesday, a pre-dawn fire erupted at the marketplace in Dajabón, with 26 of 28 stalls destroyed belonging to Haitians, according to Dajabón Mayor Santiago Riverón. Authorities are investigating what caused the fire.

Meanwhile, Riverón said he met with Haiti's consul in Dajabón and expected to meet later with the Haitian mayor of Ouanaminthe to talk about the fire and the border reopening. □

More than 90% of people killed by western Afghanistan quake were women and children, U.N. says



Afghan volunteers clean up rubble after an earthquake in Zenda Jan district in Herat province, western Afghanistan, Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2023.

Associated Press

By RIAZAT BUTT
Associated Press

ISLAMABAD (AP) — More than 90% of the people

killed by a 6.3-magnitude earthquake in western Afghanistan last weekend were women and children,

U.N. officials reported Thursday.

Taliban officials said Saturday's earthquake killed more than 2,000 people of all ages and genders across Herat province. The epicenter was in Zenda Jan district, where 1,294 people died, 1,688 were injured and every home was destroyed, according to U.N. figures.

Women and children were more likely to have been at home when the quake struck in the morning, said Siddig Ibrahim, the chief of the UNICEF field office in Herat. "When the first earthquake hit, people thought it was an explosion, and

they ran into their homes," he said.

Hundreds of people, mostly women, remain missing in Zenda Jan.

The Afghanistan representative for the United Nations Population Fund, Jaime Nadal, said there would have been no "gender dimension" to the death toll if the quake had happened at night.

"At that time of the day, men were out in the field," Nadal told The Associated Press. "Many men migrate to Iran for work. The women were at home doing the chores and looking after the children. They found themselves trapped under

the rubble. There was clearly a gender dimension."

The initial quake, numerous aftershocks and a second 6.3-magnitude quake on Wednesday flattened entire villages, destroying hundreds of mud-brick homes that could not withstand such force. Schools, health clinics and other village facilities also collapsed.

The Norwegian Refugee Council described the devastation as enormous.

"Early reports from our teams are that many of those who lost their lives were small children who were crushed or suffocated after buildings collapsed on them," the council said. □

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Fun in the Sun for The Hilton Aruba Caribbean Resort & Casino family members



The Hilton family members headed to the beach just recently for a glorious day of fun in the sun. The department of Human Resources took great care to produce a perfect Beat-the-Heat day for the hard-working Team Members and their families.

The invitation to De Palm Island for a full program of activities yielded tremendous response. Team Members could choose between two different days, and their immediate family members were included in the invitation. Many took advantage of the opportunity, to spend quality time with their loved ones on the beach.

Team Members were delighted with the array of activities available on the island including snorkeling, a snorkeling tour, unlimited banana boat rides, the adrenaline-pumping slides at the water park, the kids' corner, and ongoing beach games, on the sugar-white sand.

The afternoon entertainment program featured salsa lessons, and more exciting body drop slides.

Some Team Members opted to spend the day lounging in the shade and interacting with their peers and family members in an informal, unrushed setting, experiencing a bit of vacation themselves. A lifeguard made



sure all kids played safely in the water, so parents could relax and unwind.

"It was our pleasure, to offer our Team Members, a chance to spend quality time with their kids and spouses. Work takes them away for many hours, and we were thrilled to pamper them, in an all-inclusive, fun environment," says Glenn Farro Director Human Resources.

Family day is offered once a year among other much-appreciated events and special occasions such as Health Week, Housekeeping Week, besides holiday celebrations and interdepartmental projects. □

Aruba's most family-friendly beaches

(Oranjestad)—One of the biggest concerns that parents have when travelling with their children is a guarantee of their safety and healthy enjoyment. Therefore, we thought it would be a great help to travelling parents to list off some the most family-friendly beaches around the island.

Baby Beach in San Nicolas

Baby Beach is one Aruba's most popular and visited beaches, and for good reason: This sandy and quiet lagoon is a great place for parents to sit back and relax while their children play in the shallow shores of the beach. Beside the relaxing atmosphere, there are also several services that may accommodate your stay, like a parking lot, sun tent rentals, chairs, bathrooms and a snack bar right at the far left of the beach.

Mangel Halto in Pos Chiquito

Mangel Halto is situated in the back streets of the Pos Chiquito city. Though there are several stairs on the sides of the beach cliff leading you down, the best spot for families to hang out is across the bridge, passed the mangrove trees near the entrance sign. Here, there are small and big palapas, perfect for big and small families to set up their belongings. In this area, the shore is also shallow, falling right around your knee before slowly getting deeper: perfect for kids to safely play.

Eagle Beach/Palm Beach in the hotel area

Yet another highly popular beach site, Eagle Beach and Palm Beach is where most of our visitors go to tan, swim or play in the white sand. Because they are near the low-rise and high-rise hotel areas, these



beaches are the most accessible for visitors on foot. These beaches also offer many palapas free to use, but you can also rent chairs and tents. Much like Baby Beach, these sites are one of the best beaches for your children to play and build sand castles.

Boca Catalina in Malmok

Boca Catalina is a small bay beach near the Malmok beach area further down the hotel areas. Though it may not be a very sandy beach, it is relatively quiet and tranquil. This is a great place for family to

lay down a big blanket and have a little picnic. This is also one of the best places to snorkel, as this area is filled with little fish and corals, even close to the shore.

Palm Island

Ok, this one is technically not a beach, but a must-visit attraction for family fun. This small water park oasis is located further down the Mangel Halto Beach and is reachable by boat. This water park offers 6 hours of fun activities, food, drinks, and a chance to see pink flamingoes up close! □

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The Aruba Tourism Authority honors loyal visitors at Renaissance Ocean Suites!

The Aruba Tourism Authority recently had the great pleasure of recognizing Emerald Ambassadors of Aruba. These Ambassadors were respectively honored with a certificate acknowledging their years of visits, loyalty, and love for the island of Aruba.

The honor certification is presented on behalf of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation and to say "Masha Danki" to guests who have visited Aruba 10, 20, or 35 years or more consecutively.

The three honoring levels are as follows:

Distinguished Visitor (10+years consecutively visiting Aruba)
Goodwill Ambassador (20+years consecutively visiting Aruba)
Emerald Ambassador (35+years consecutively visiting Aruba)

The honorees were:

Emerald Ambassadors
Mr. David & Mrs. Barbara Lecaroz from New Hampshire, United States.

Ms. Kimberley Richardson representing the Aruba Tourism Authority, and staff members of the Renaissance Ocean Suites bestowed the Emerald Ambassador certificate to the honorees, presented them with gifts, and also thanked them for choosing Aruba as their favorite vacation destination, and as their home away from home.

Top reasons for returning to Aruba, provided by the honorees were:

- Aruba's nice sandy beaches.
- Aruba's warm and friendly people who always treat them like family.
- Aruba's year-round sunny weather.
- Aruba's safety.
- "Aruba is my home."

On behalf of the Aruba Tourism Authority, we would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the honorees for their continued visits to the "One Happy Island". □



Fresh fish right out of the Caribbean Sea to your plate

ORANJESTAD – Fish restaurants are everywhere, but do they serve fresh fish daily right out of the Caribbean Sea? The Grand Fish Restaurant does. This locally-owned restaurant is situated merely 5 minutes from the strip and is open as early as 11am for the lunch lovers.



The minute you step inside you can feel the homey and cozy warm ambiance by the décor and the friendly staff who will receive you with open arms.

The Grand Fish Restaurant has an extraordinary menu starting with

appetizers, salads and their famous fish soup.

The entree dishes consist of a variety of fresh fish like whole red snapper, fish steak, fish cake, grilled salmon, mixed seafood or seafood rice (paella local style) combined with sides of vegetables, french fries, rice, plantain, the island's traditional 'pan bati'

(slapped bread) or funchi (cornmeal cake).

Each and every dish is made with passion, love and dedication. Yes... even the fried ones! There are also pasta, meat and poultry options plus a kid-friendly menu with crispy chicken or fish nuggets, cheese burgers, mac & cheese and kid tenderloin.

Pair your meal with your favorite drink or cocktail, a wine of your choice or a glass of The Grand Fish yummy homemade fresh lemonade.

If you haven't visited The Grand Fish yet, check out our local page for a coupon for a free glass of wine and make sure to drop by. The staff will

be happy to welcome, guide and serve you for an amazing casual bite and good time.

The Grand Fish Restaurant is situated at Taratata Road 15, unit #1. Open from 11AM – 10PM from Wednesday till Monday
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Aruba Tourism Authority honors loyal visitors at Marriot Resort and Stellaris Casino!

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The honorees were:

Distinguished Visitors

Mr. Paul & Mrs. Harriett LoPiccolo from South Carolina, United States.

Ms. Kimberley Richardson representing the Aruba Tourism Authority, and staff members of the Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino bestowed the Distinguished Visitor certificate to the honorees, presented them with gifts, and also thanked them for choosing Aruba as their favorite vacation destination, and as their home away from home.

Top reasons for returning to Aruba, provided by the honorees were:

- Aruba's warm and friendly people who became like family.
- Aruba's year-round sunny weather.
- Aruba's food.
- Aruba's beautiful beaches.
- "My favorite Resort."

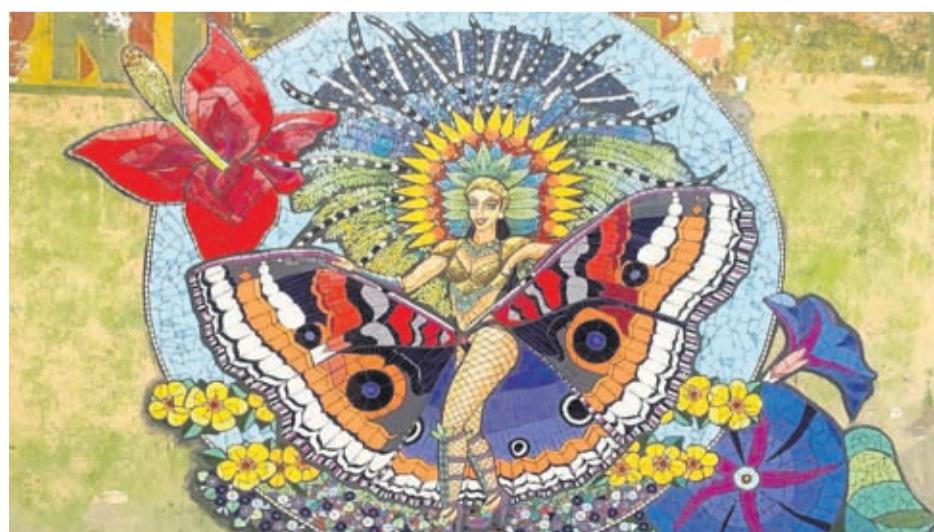
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Exploring the Mainstreet of San Nicolas

SAN NICOLAS— At Just 11 miles southeast from Oranjestad you will enter the city San Nicolas, also known as Sunrise City or Chocolate City. A city that is rich in authentic culture and island charm. San Nicolas is Aruba's second largest city and was once a bustling company town dominated by the oil industry since the early 1930's.

Over the course of four decades, its demographics had changed immensely due to a stream of Afro-Caribbean and South American workers who came to fill the jobs in the oil refinery between the 1920's until the 1960's. To this day traces of the multicultural influences in culinary offerings and customs, housing and population are clearly visible in San Nicolas - more than anywhere else on the island.

Flow of history



if you are looking for history San Nicolas has it. Here you will find three amazing museums, The Museum of Industry, the Community Museum and the Carnival Euphoria, all within walking distance from one another.

The Museum of Industry is situated in the Water Tower in San Nicolas and narrates Aruba's industrial history which began in the 19th century. Here you will learn about gold, aloe, phosphate, oil and the tourism industries which made San Nicolas once a bustling business center. Experience the touching stories of those who were part of this history.

Nicolaas Store built in 1940 and renovated in 2014 is the home of the Community Museum. The collection is remarkable and spans millennia. Ancient fossils stand next to tableaus of an authentically recreated colonial kitchen and

bedroom and 19th-century barbershop, just to name a few of the items of old-time Aruba that has been preserved. A collection of artifacts and other objects of artistic, cultural, historical, or scientific importance can be found here for the purpose of education or enjoyment.

Carnival Euphoria is showcasing Aruba's Carnival. See how Aruba's Carnival has developed over the past 65 years.

The new San Nicolas

In the shadow of the refinery, an art capital is quietly beginning to grow. This is the new San Nicolas, a place that is starting to become a magnet for all that is young, cool and hip in Aruba. Indeed, San Nicolas has all of the ingredients of an emerging cultural hub — varied history, interesting architecture, and, perhaps most importantly, an urban layout that makes it walkable. As you walk around, the streets are silent but the walls are loud, filled with bright, colorful murals painted by a collection of artists from around the world. Thanks to the efforts of various art organizations in Aruba, such as Art Rules Aruba and Aruba Art Fair, San Nicolas has had quite the aesthetic makeover with regards to vibrant street art. Each year more and more stunning murals are replacing broken down buildings with colorful art pieces that keep brightening up SunriseCity.



Must See, Do, Buy & Eat

A little bit of everything can be found in the main street. Stores selling shoes, clothing, jewelry you name it. Arts & crafts by Cosecha store & Creative Center, a design store in which you can immerse yourself in discovering genuine and locally made arts and crafts which reflect the diversification of the Aruban craft heritage and the artistic supply of artisans. Don't miss out on trying the exquisite food offered by the cafes and restaurants or just enjoy a peaceful walk admiring the murals, mosaic benches and all the history San Nicolas has to offer. □

Visit the island's popular cave sites!

(Oranjestad)—Among the endless sea of dark brown sand and cacti, there are two caves hidden in the outskirts of San Nicolas, in the north-eastern area of the island. These caves, The Quadiriki cave and The Fontein Cave are open to visitors of the Arikok National Park, so if you ever decide to take an “off-road” tour in the park, be sure to visit these prehistoric caves...and be sure to bring a flashlight!

Quadiriki Cave

Known for its two chambers accompanied by a skylight, the Quadiriki Cave is the most popular cave among locals and tourists, as it is easy to walk through and provides great lighting for pictures.

As with all prehistoric or ancient sites, there is always a folk legend that adds to the lore and mystery of the site. The Quadiriki cave is no different. The most well-known legend behind the cave could be considered as Aruba's first love story, as it tells the tale of the undying love between the chief's daughter and her beloved. As legend would have it, the chief disapproved of his daughter's choice of lover, as he thought him unworthy. Stubborn and filled with anger, the daughter refused to turn away her beloved.

So, the chief decided to lock her up in the Quadiriki Cave, in hopes that she would soon calm down and turn away her lover. Her beloved, in turn, was



locked away in the Tunnel of Love (Now known as the Huliba Cave).

Through the pathways underneath the Tunnel of Love running up to the Quadiriki cave, the two love birds found each other, and refused to let each other go. Because of their stubbornness, they both died in the Quadiriki Cave, their ascending spirits burning two holes in the ceiling of the cave. This is why the cave has two holes through which sunlight passes through to illuminate the chamber.

Though there have been discoveries of Amerindian drawings on the wall, these have mostly been ruined by vandalism. However, the Fontein Cave further up north, provides a better glimpse in prehistoric Amerindian paintings.

Fontein Cave

Longer than the Quadiriki Cave, the Fontein Cave contains pathways that stretch to the limestone walls further down. Here is also where prehistoric drawings can be seen. Though this cave does not have its own legend, this



was speculated to have been occupied—or at least used by prehistoric Arawak settlers on the island for rituals and other spiritual ceremonies.

The Huliba Cave/ Tunnel of Love

The Huliba Cave, formerly known as the Tunnel of Love, was once open to the public, and was the biggest and most accessible of all three caves. This cave had five chambers, including one that is heart-shaped. This cave had narrow stairs that led to long pathways deep into the cave, with a staircase leading to the exit on the other side. In one of the chambers, there used to be the carving of the Virgin Mary, put there for the protection of the cave.

However, the Huliba Cave has been permanently closed for a few years now, as a way to preserve the bat population that lives in the cave. These Long Tongue Fruit Bats and Insect Eater Bats are very important to the ecosystem of the island. Though this cave is no longer accessible to the public, it surely is interesting to learn more about the history of these caves and the Awarak tribes that resided or utilized them.

Do note that these caves are very dark, humid, hot, and are inhabited by bats. Do wear comfortable clothing and shoes, as the pathways in these caves may be rough and bumpy, and don't forget to bring a flashlight! □

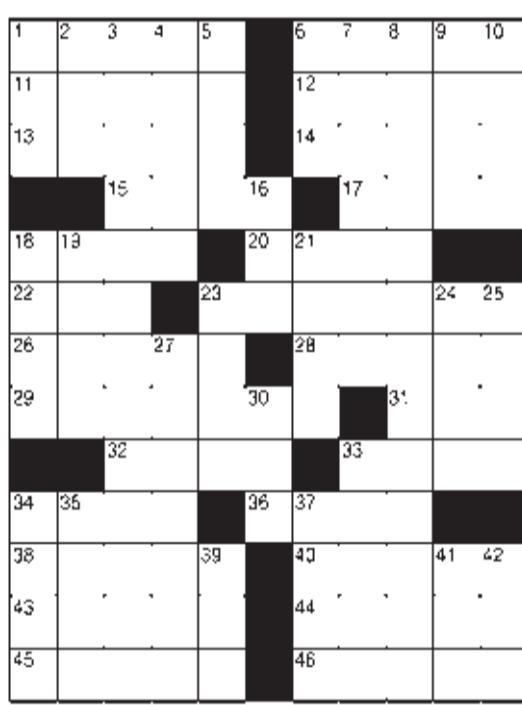


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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Yesterday's answer

10-13

A X Y D L B A A X R
is L O N G F E L L O W

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

10-13 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: NOT EVERYTHING THAT IS FACED CAN BE CHANGED, BUT NOTHING CAN BE CHANGED UNTIL IT IS FACED. — JAMES BALDWIN

How to complain about your upcoming student loan bill

By ELIZA HAVERSTOCK
of NerdWallet

The return of federal student loan bills may feel like a bad dream. And if poor guidance from your servicer, an incorrect balance or other account errors keep you up at night, consider filing a complaint.

Borrowers filed about 101,500 student loan complaints with the Federal Student Aid office in 2022 — more than double from 2021 — and that number is poised to increase this year as repayment starts.

A student loan complaint could resolve your issue and help other borrowers in similar situations. Here are expert tips on how to make a complaint that gets results.

KNOW WHEN TO COMPLAIN

Student loan complaints help flag errors in the system, like discrepancies with loan payments or balances, incorrect advice from your servicer, or a wrongfully denied student loan discharge or consolidation application..

Complaints generally don't help with affordability issues. Consider an income-driven repayment plan or the 12-month student loan on-ramp if you're struggling to pay. And if you have concerns about

student loan policies, contact your Congress members.

START WITH YOUR SERVICER

Call your federal student loan servicer before making a formal complaint, says Betsy Mayotte, president and founder of The Institute of Student Loan Advisors. "Ninety-nine-point-nine percent of the time, if you call the servicer and point it out, it will get fixed. But of course, that's not 100% of the time."

Expect long call wait times — and don't give up on your servicer if the resolution isn't quick.

"Servicers are certainly making mistakes at this time, so if something seems wrong, ask your servicer first and try to get it escalated to a supervisor," says Abby Shafroth, director of the National Consumer Law Center's student loan borrower assistance project.

DECIDE WHERE TO COMPLAIN

There are three main avenues for your student loan complaint: the Federal Student Aid office, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) and state ombudsman offices. These organizations often collaborate and share information, so you don't need to submit multiple complaints.□

Gap between U.S. income taxes owed and paid is set to keep growing, IRS says



A sign outside the Internal Revenue Service building is seen, May 4, 2021, in Washington.

Associated Press

By W. GRANTHAM-PHILIPS
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The amount of tax money owed but not paid to the

IRS is set to keep growing, according to projections published by the federal tax collection agency on Thursday.

For tax years 2021 and 2020, the latest to receive such IRS estimates, the projected gross "tax gap" soared to \$688 billion and \$601 billion, respectively. That marks a significant jump compared to years past — with gross tax gap projections standing at \$550 billion for 2017-2019 and \$496 billion for 2014-2016.

One of the IRS's biggest challenges is making sure that people actually pay their taxes. While agency data shows that the vast majority of Americans pay their taxes voluntarily and on time, hundreds of billions of dollars in unpaid taxes pile up each year — and tax gap estimates keep getting bigger.

IRS Commissioner Danny Werfel said that the rising tax gap estimates "underscores the importance" of more compliance efforts. Part of the \$80 billion the IRS received from the Biden administration's Inflation Reduction Act is being used for that purpose.□

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NASA shows off its first asteroid samples delivered by a spacecraft

By MARCIA DUNN
AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.

(AP) — NASA on Wednesday showed off its first asteroid samples delivered last month by a spacecraft — a jumble of black dust and rubble that's the most ever returned to Earth.

Scientists anticipated getting a cupful but are still unsure how much was grabbed from the carbon-rich asteroid named Bennu, almost 60 million miles (97 million kilometers) away. That's because the main sample chamber has yet to be opened, officials said during an event at Johnson Space Center in Houston.

"It's been going slow and meticulous, but the science is already starting," said the mission's lead scientist, Dante Lauretta of the University of Arizona.

NASA's Osiris-Rex spacecraft collected the samples three years ago from the surface of Bennu and then dropped them off sealed in a capsule during a flyby of Earth last month. The expected cupful was far more than the teaspoon or so that Japan brought back from a pair of missions.

Black dust and particles were scattered around the outside edge of the internal sample chamber, according to Lauretta. He said there's still "a whole treasure chest of extraterrestrial material" to be studied. The samples are priceless, the preserved building blocks from the dawn of the solar system.

No one at Wednesday's celebration at Johnson got to see any of the samples firsthand — just photos and video. The asteroid pieces were behind locked doors in a new lab at the space center, accessible only to scientists in protective gear.

Besides carbon, the asteroid rubble holds water in the form of water-bearing clay minerals, Lauretta and others pointed out.

"That is how we think water got to the Earth," he said. "Minerals like we're seeing from Bennu landed on Earth 4 billion years ago to



In this undated combination of photos provided by NASA, asteroid particles coat the base of a canister at Johnson Space Center in Houston.

Associated Press

4.5 billion years ago, making our world habitable." That was one of the primary reasons for the \$1 billion, seven-year mission: to help learn how the solar system — and Earth in particular — formed. "You can't get more exciting than that," said NASA Administrator Bill Nelson.

Back in 2020, Lauretta and his team lost some of their haul when the lid on the sample container jammed a few days after the spacecraft collected the material. It vacuumed up so many pieces from Bennu that small rocks got lodged under the lid and prevented it from closing, sending pieces floating off into space.

That's why scientists did not have a precise measurement of what was coming

back; they estimated 250 grams, or about a cupful, ahead of the Sept. 24 landing in the Utah desert. They won't have a good count until the container is opened, within two weeks or so.

Much of the material shown Wednesday was overflow from when the lid was stuck open, before everything could be sealed inside the return capsule. The larger visible rocks were under an inch (2.5 centimeters) in size.

"We have a bounty of sample on our hands already and we're not even inside" the main sample container, said NASA astromaterials curator Francis McCubbin. Once the samples are archived, the team will dole out particles to researchers around the world, while

saving a fair amount for future analysis when better technology should be available.

NASA has another asteroid-chasing spacecraft on a Florida launch pad, ready to blast off later this week. The destination will be a rare asteroid made of metal named Psyche.

No samples will be coming back. □

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In 'Anatomy of a Fall,' a sharp courtroom drama that will end relationships

By LINDSEY BAHR

AP Film Writer

Of all the ways that a relationship can end, a fundamental disagreement about a work of art is in some ways extremely silly. And yet, a film or a book exposing an irreparable rift in a love that perhaps wasn't as compatible, as symbiotic or as caring as one might have thought is also, somehow, as good a reason as any. Maybe it will even, eventually, provide a funny story.

Another, more excruciating, way for a relationship to end is with one party falling off the roof of a house to their death, followed by a humiliating public trial to determine the fault or innocence of the other, as happens in Justine Triet's Palme d'Or-winning "Anatomy of a Fall." And just like "The Corrections" before it, it seems that "Anatomy of a Fall" might be the new litmus test for modern relationships. See it with a romantic partner at your own risk. But, from my perch, this is one that's worth the debate(s) it provokes.

Sandra Hüller, the German actor known for "Toni Erdmann" and, soon, "The Zone of Interest," is Sandra, a writer living in a chalet in the French Alps with her husband, Samuel (Samuel Theis), and 11-year-old son, Daniel (Milo Machado



This image released by Neon shows, from left, Samuel Theis, Sandra Hüller and Milo Machado Graner in a scene from "Anatomy of a Fall."

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Graner). Triet thrusts the audience into a tense and stressful atmosphere, introducing us to Sandra in the midst of an interview with a grad student, a woman, which will become significant later. Sandra is a little prickly and sipping a glass of red wine while deflecting questions back at her interviewer. It is hard to focus on what they're saying, however, as an instrumental version of 50 Cent's "P.I.M.P." blares through the household on a deafening, constant and maddening loop. Samuel's choice, apparently.

The student leaves, Sandra waves goodbye from a balcony, 50 Cent still playing, glass of red still in hand

and Daniel, who is blind, heads out for a walk with his dog. He returns to find his father on the ground outside, dead and bleeding out. Sandra's lawyer, Vincent (Swann Arlaud, a calming presence), later analyzes the fall trajectory and finds the cause of death "inconclusive." "Stop," Sandra says. "I did not kill him." "That's not the point," Vincent responds. It's one brief exchange that could sum up the 150-minute film, which is a smartly constructed and wholly engaging whodunit, courtroom thriller, marriage drama and, at some points, satire. This is not really a tearjerker, but a visceral dismantling of a life

that's either happening in the wake of a tragedy or a murder. Either way, it's uncomfortable to watch Samuel's sharp, merciless advocate (Antoine Reinartz) grill Sandra about their marriage troubles and why, in his mind, that makes her a likely suspect. She's also accused of doing it for material for her books. Hüller makes the audience squirm along with her as she plays the tricky game of knowing when to take the insults and when to push back (without seeming "unlikable," of course), and she's doing this all in two languages that aren't the character's own (French and English). It's exhausting, illuminating and

triggering to be reminded of the internalized misogyny that still exists and even thrives in marriages that look evolved and equal on paper. But it's hard to fight back when parties can hide their own culpability behind therapy-speak.

For Daniel, the trial and his part in it plays out like a vicious divorce proceeding, in which his parents' characters are dissected and annihilated. He bears witness to their fights, their infidelities, their insecurities and all manner of speculation made by prosecutors, therapists and judges about the private matters of this couple, the complexities of which are far too great for a child burdened with the loss of one parent and the possible imprisonment of another. And, of course, Samuel is unable to speak for himself — not really at least. His therapist has some insights and assumptions, his lawyer has many, and there is one brutal argument that we're all privy to, since he himself recorded it in secret to inspire his own writings. For some audiences, this might be the biggest and most egregious injustice of all, coating everything with an uncertainty that will never be resolved. At a certain point, you might even forget that it's a murder trial you're watching. □



Author Salman Rushdie attends the 2023 PEN America Literary Gala Thursday, May 18, 2023, in New York.

Associated Press

By HILLEL ITALIE

AP National Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Salman Rushdie has a memoir coming out about the horrifying attack that left him blind in his right eye and

with a damaged left hand. "Knife: Meditations After an Attempted Murder" will be published April 16. "This was a necessary book for me to write: a way to take charge of what hap-

Salman Rushdie is releasing a memoir about the attack onstage last year

pened, and to answer violence with art," Rushdie said in a statement released Wednesday by Penguin Random House.

Last August, Rushdie was stabbed repeatedly in the neck and abdomen by a man who rushed the stage as the author was about to give a lecture in western New York. The attacker, Hadi Matar, has pleaded not guilty to charges of assault and attempted murder. For some time after Iran's Grand Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini issued a 1989 fatwa calling for Rush-

die's death over alleged blasphemy in his novel "The Satanic Verses," the writer lived in isolation and with round-the-clock security. But for years since, he had moved about with few restrictions, until the stabbing at the Chautauqua Institution.

The 256-page "Knife" will be published in the U.S. by Random House, the Penguin Random House imprint that earlier this year released his novel "Victory City," completed before the attack. His other works include the Booker Prize-

winning "Midnight's Children," "Shame" and "The Moor's Last Sigh." Rushdie is also a prominent advocate for free expression and a former president of PEN America.

"Knife" is a searing book, and a reminder of the power of words to make sense of the unthinkable," Penguin Random House CEO Nihar Malaviya said in a statement. "We are honored to publish it, and amazed at Salman's determination to tell his story, and to return to the work he loves." □

Approaching 80, Billie Jean King is still globetrotting for investment in women's sports

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NEW YORK (AP) — Billie Jean King is still globetrotting in support of more investment and equity in women's sports.

She attended the Women's World Cup in Australia, kicked off the player draft for the new women's professional hockey league in Toronto and is opening an office in London for a tennis business venture involving the international Billie Jean King Cup.

That's all in the last three months for King, who turns 80 in November.

"We're kind of at a tipping point," King said. "People are actually looking at women's sports like a great investment."

She's part of ownership groups involved with the Los Angeles Dodgers, the NWSL's Angel City FC and the PWHL hockey league that starts in January.

Her busy schedule is reminiscent of the summer of 1973, when a 29-year-old King established the WTA, won the Wimbledon triple crown in singles, doubles and mixed doubles, achieved equal pay at the U.S. Open and beat self-proclaimed chauvinist Bobby Riggs in the "Battle of the Sexes" match. On Thursday, King and about 60 athletes will celebrate the 50th anniversary of equal prize money at the U.S. Open and the King-Riggs match at her annual awards dinner for the Women's Sports Foundation in New York.

In August, former President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama attended the U.S. Open at Arthur Ashe Stadium to mark the pay equity milestone.

"Let us remember all of this is bigger than a champion's paycheck," Michelle Obama said during the ceremony on opening night. "This is about how women are seen and valued in this world."

King recently launched the production company "Pressure is a Privilege," a phrase associated with the 39-time Grand Slam winner. She's



Tennis legend Billie Jean King delivers opening remarks ahead of the inaugural Professional Women's Hockey League draft in Toronto, Monday, Sept. 18, 2023.

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also an executive producer and host of "Groundbreakers," a documentary about female athletes that airs on PBS on Nov. 21.

There's an effort by members of Congress to award King the Congressional Gold Medal, one of the highest U.S. civilian honors given to individuals whose achievements have a lasting impact in their field. Here's a Q&A with King, which has been edited for brevity and clarity.

AP: It's the 50th anniversary of so many accomplishments in 1973. Talk about that whirlwind.

KING: We started the WTA four days before Wimbledon. I won all three titles at Wimbledon, which for me was a big deal. Then equal prize money came into being, it started in 1972 with us saying we're not coming back (to the U.S. Open in 1973).

Then King-Riggs. That's all in 3 months. I can appreciate

it since being away from it so long. How the heck did we do that?

AP: You've said the King-Riggs match was about social change, women standing up for themselves in all areas.

KING: It was really about men, too. Because men started to shift a little. Obama was 12 years old when he saw the King-Riggs match. He said it affected him a lot. Guys are much better thinking about their daughters than they used to be. All these things add up.

AP: You're part of ownership groups for pro sports. How did you get involved in women's pro hockey, which will have teams in Boston, New York, Minnesota, Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal?

KING: The PWHL, it's really exciting. It took five years. Plus, it took all those years of the other leagues, everyone trying. (U.S. Olympic gold medalist) Kendall

Coyne said, 'can you help us?' We need to have a league where the very best players will play.

We went to Toronto and I did an opening speech about trailblazers. It was amazing because the families were crying, the players were crying, they said 'we've never been treated like this, it's amazing, we feel like pros for the first time.'

There were a lot of little kids there. Kids are going to have an amazing opportunity that the generations before them never had. All three of their networks had it on. It's a religion up there.

AP: How is investment in women's sports changing?

KING: I'm asking CEOs and everyone now — 'do you invest as much in women as you do in men?' Then it usually gets quiet.

But I must say it's better than it used to be. We're really lucky to be with this investment group. The male allies we've had through

the years have made such a difference.

They have the money and the power. But we're getting there, getting more and more women investors, particularly in soccer. Women's sports, we've all been fighting for it.

AP: What would you like to see in the future for women's sports?

KING: More. And make sure we get girls early in life into sports. It's really about the health issue, more than anything. More jobs, more everything. Women of color and diversity is really important.

We only get 5% of the media. That's where the money is. People always say, 'why doesn't the WTA have as much money as the ATP?' I'm like, really? If you watch a show at night, a sports show, just count how many minutes are on men and how many minutes are on women. We're at 5%. We've got to change that. □

Why can't the Dodgers win in October? They'll search for answers during a long winter

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — The 100-win Los Angeles Dodgers were left wondering why they can't win in October after they were swept out of the NL Division Series. They'll spend all winter searching for answers while reliving their quick exit for the second straight season. Manager Dave Roberts was booed at home when he removed Brusdar Graterol after two hitless innings of relief in Game 2 against the Arizona Diamondbacks. His postseason moves have been skewered by Dodgers fans over his eight seasons at the helm.

"I've got to do a better job of figuring out a way to get our guys prepared for the postseason. I'll own that," Roberts said. "The regular season, I think we do a great job. But the last couple of postseasons it just hasn't gone well for us and so I've got to figure it out." The Dodgers didn't have much of a rotation for the postseason. It was Clayton Kershaw, deadline acquisition Lance Lynn and several rookies.

Kershaw got blown up in Game 1 against the D-backs. Rookie Bobby Miller collapsed in Game 2, and



Los Angeles Dodgers' Max Muncy (13) reacts after a foul tip was caught by Arizona Diamondbacks catcher Gabriel Moreno, left, during the fourth inning in Game 3 of a baseball NL Division Series, Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2023, in Phoenix.

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the D-backs rocked Lynn for four home runs in one inning to close out the sweep in Game 3. That trio gave up 13 runs in just 4 2/3 innings in the series.

The Dodgers' vaunted offense, featuring a quartet of 100-RBI players, vanished in the postseason. The 1-2 punch of Mookie Betts and Freddie Freeman were a combined 1 for 21 in the NLDS, including 0 for 8 in

the decisive Game 3. Max Muncy and J.D. Martinez, the other half of the 100-RBI club, did little either. The Dodgers' rotation was left in tatters after season-ending arm injuries to Walker Buehler, Tony Gonsolin and Dustin May. Kershaw spent six weeks on the injured list with a shoulder injury. Starter Julio Urias was arrested in September on suspicion of felony domes-

tic violence and placed on administrative leave by MLB. The bullpen was missing key contributors Daniel Hudson and Blake Treinen due to injury.

Infielder Gavin Lux was lost for the season because of a knee injury suffered in spring training. Designated hitter Martinez was out for an extended period in August and early September with a groin injury.

Kershaw's future is uncertain. The three-time Cy Young Award winner turns 36 in March and becomes a free agent after the World Series ends. He has pitched on one-year contracts each of the last two seasons to give himself flexibility to continue or retire. "I'm not sure how it's going to look," Kershaw said about his plans.

Neither he nor the team ever said much about his shoulder. He didn't pitch more than 5 1/3 innings after coming off the IL in mid-August. Then he got lit up by the D-backs, tagged for six runs before getting an out in the first inning of the worst start of his 16-year career.

"Just obviously a horrible way to end it personally," Kershaw said. "But that's not ultimately not important. It's just how I didn't help the team win the series. That's the most disappointing part."

Roberts often likes to remind how every season is different, even though this one ended in a similar fashion to 2022.

"We've got to find a way to get back up and not feel sorry for ourselves and get better," he said. "That's just the only option." □



Jon Gruden listens in court Wednesday, May 25, 2022, in Las Vegas, where a judge heard a bid by the National Football League to dismiss former Las Vegas Raiders coach Jon Gruden's lawsuit, accusing the league of a "malicious and orchestrated campaign" including the leaking of offensive emails ahead of his resignation last October.

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LAS VEGAS (AP) — The Ne-

vada Supreme Court plans to soon hear the NFL's appeal of a ruling denying a

NFL appeal in Jon Gruden emails lawsuit gets Nevada Supreme Court hearing date

request to move former Las Vegas Raiders coach Jon Gruden's lawsuit against the league from a public courtroom into closed-door arbitration.

The lawsuit, filed in November 2021, accuses the NFL and Commissioner Roger Goodell of a "malicious and orchestrated campaign" to force Gruden to resign as the Raiders' head coach by leaking racist, sexist and homophobic emails that no one disputes Gruden sent.

Attorneys for Gruden, the NFL and Goodell and a league representative did not respond to email mes-

sages Thursday about the hearing.

The league wants the state high court to reverse a state court judge's decisions in May 2022 not to dismiss Gruden's lawsuit outright or order out-of-court talks that could be overseen by Goodell.

Gruden's emails went to former Washington Commanders executive Bruce Allen from 2011 to 2018, when Gruden was an announcer at ESPN. They were found amid some 650,000 emails the league obtained during an investigation into the workplace culture of the Washington

team. Gruden alleges disclosure of the emails and their publication by the Wall Street Journal and New York Times destroyed his career and scuttled endorsement contracts. He is seeking monetary damages.

A key question before the Supreme Court will be a finding by Clark County District Court Judge Nancy Allf in response to Gruden's allegation that the league intentionally leaked only his documents. The judge said that could show evidence of "specific intent," or an act designed to cause a particular result. □